

Navy Environmental Health Center; Sexual Health and Responsibility Program (SHARP); www-nehc.med.navy.mil/hp/sharp Sexual Partner Counseling and Referral – Desktop Assistant



Partner Name	Date of last contact	Within tracing period?	Exposure type	DoD healthcare eligible?	Notification option selected	Identifying, locating, and "contract" info
		Yes No	Sex Needle- sharing both	Yes No	Provider Client Dual Contract	
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MOTIVATION – Points to encourage clients to participate in PCRS						
Benefits to Client:	Benefits to Partners:					
Protects privacy and anonymity.	Prompt treatment for infection.	Earlier identification and treatment of previously undiagnosed HIV infections.				
Relieves client of responsibility to inform partners.	Information about real risk (which partners may underestimate, misunderstand, deny or be unaware of).	Reduced transmission within community.				
Offers peace of mind to client by fulfilling ethical responsibility to partners.	Access to testing (where partners may learn of own infection for first time).	Improved surveillance and identification of disease networks.				
Reduced risk of re-infection from same partners and others "in the circle".	Referral to counseling and support services (e.g., family planning and related decisions;	Increased dissemination of HIV/STD prevention information.				
	emotional problems; addictions; other issues).	Improved understanding of HIV/AIDS/STDs in the community.				
	Opportunity for behavior change (due to prevention counseling and increased awareness of risk).	Reduced stigma on infected individuals.				
	Reduced likelihood of acquiring or transmitting infection in future.					

COACHING – Key Points to Communicate

When speaking with partners, the client should:

- tell the partner the actual name of the infection the client has,
- emphasize the importance of the partner seeking medical care <u>promptly</u>, even if they don't feel ill
- emphasize the importance partner telling their doctor the $\underline{\text{name of}}$ the infection to which they were exposed

